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GRAND OPERA HOUSE.  
ALL WEEK—GRIMES' CELLAR DOOR.  
HARTMAN'S LECTURE COURSE.  
THURSDAY—ROSEY CONCERT COMPANY.  
SMITH'S VAUDEVILLE.  
ALL WEEK—NEW SPECIALTIES.

WEATHER.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—For Lower Michigan—Light snow flurries; west winds.

BUT FAIR TO DEFEND.  
It is represented that the election of Senator Stockbridge to succeed himself will imperil the future of the republican party. It is said that he is out of sympathy with the masses. His record in the senate disproves both assertions. It is also said by the friends of ex-Governor Luce that the recent election betrayed the distrust of the people for the republican leaders. This argument is used as a "bogus" to frighten the friends of Senator Stockbridge. But conceding that it is true, what is the inevitable conclusion? Has not ex-Governor Luce been a republican leader for years? Does he not represent every principle of republicanism equally as well if not better than the four powerful millionaires back of his campaign? Certainly he does. If the masses distrust Senator Stockbridge then the same masses must distrust ex-Governor Luce five times the more, because he represents himself and four other rich men. It is to be regretted that ex-Governor Luce and his millionaire backers have inaugurated a personal warfare upon Senator Stockbridge. It is a rule or ruin policy and whether attended by success or failure will cripple the sponsors for it. It also recalls the history of the immediate past. Taking it for granted that the Luce men are right in claiming that the masses are distrustful of the republican leaders, it throws a new light on the democratic victory of two years ago. Ex-Governor Luce had been in office for four consecutive years. He had followed a line of almost unbroken republican successes. Yet if the claims of the millionaires who now seek to make him a United States senator are true, the masses had grown distrustful of the republican leaders then in office because they elected a democratic governor. It was Governor Luce who surrendered a republican state government to the democrats. It isn't very pleasant to recall these incidents, but the personal attacks on that uncompromising, loyal and generous champion of republican principles, Senator Stockbridge, make it but an act of common fairness to defend him.

WITHOUT APPEAL.  
Having completed its work, the county board of canvassers has adjourned. The result of the congressional election is still as much a matter of doubt as it was when the original announcement was made. The town and precinct boards counted the votes in the first instance and announced the result. The county board of canvassers has re-examined and recounted the votes and announced the result. Now the whole matter reverts to the state board of canvassers. This board, like the county board, is purely ministerial. It will canvass the returns by counties and districts. If it has not the authority it will presume to exercise it to correct any errors that may be called to its attention. It is a democratic body. If it can be persuaded that partisanship has usurped the functions of the county boards, then it will extend its inquiries into such matters as pertain to the subject. Here, then, is one democratic obstacle to be overcome. It is idle to expect that this board will manifest any less degree of partisanship than is exercised in inferior boards. But there is still another democratic obstacle to be overcome. The house of representatives will make short work with the controversy. It has power to send for the boxes and to take evidence as to the legal status of vote and voter. This body will not hesitate to disregard a state law governing by strict-mandatory requirements the sale of canvassing boards. It will count the eight Plainfield votes and throw out the Soldiers' home precinct without giving the republicans any chance to appeal to the courts. It is the sole judge of the election and qualification of members. To appeal to the courts as an intermediate remedy will be to fatten the lawyer's purse without gaining a point. It will be practical economy to the candidates and taxpayers to get the case before the house as quickly as possible.

NEWSPAPER CHANGES.  
Nag citations were concluded last evening transferring the ownership of The Evening Leader from W. B. Weston to George G. Booth of Detroit. The consideration is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$30,000. Before January 1 The Press, now owned by Mr. Booth, and The Leader will be consolidated and, under the management of W. H. Turner, will appear as a three edition penny afternoon paper. The deal is one of great importance to Grand Rapids, as it promises to give to the city a metropolitan afternoon paper, conducted on business methods. W. B. Weston established The Leader fourteen years ago, and to his intelligent management is wholly due its success.

Mr. Weston retires from The Leader because a sale could be effected at an advantageous figure. Three evening papers in the field would be quite as ruinous to the business of all by reason of the competition, as three morning papers have been. The city is not large enough to support five daily newspapers, and while The Leader was firmly established and a money-maker, it was in a better position to retire than any other. Mr. Weston has purchased a large block of stock in The Democrat and will become vice president of the publishing company and manager of the paper. His well-known vigor and enterprise will probably be felt in every department. It is said that sweeping changes will be made in the editorial department, but this is purely conjecture. Mr. L. G. Stuart, the popular city editor of The Leader, will probably go to The Democrat, although he can have a position on any paper in the city. It is a pleasure to say of both Mr. Weston and Mr. Stuart that they are thorough and capable newspaper men and that they will be cordially welcomed from the evening to the morning of journalism.

It is no exaggeration to say of the Christmas Review that it is one of the handsomest publications ever issued in Grand Rapids. The special articles by Managing Editor Emerson, L. G. Stuart, R. A. Maynard, W. G. Bright, and others are bright and interesting. The artistic work by Associate Editor Dikeman is surpassingly beautiful. The principal feature is an illustrated article on the board of trade. It possesses both literary and artistic beauty. As a whole the number will compare favorably with any like publication printed anywhere in the world, and in this statement neither Puck, Judge nor Frank Leslie's Weekly is excepted. The Review is a credit to the city, and Messrs. Emerson and Dikeman are to be cordially congratulated on the success attending their efforts to publish a distinct and creditable society journal.

GOVERNOR ALTJELD OF ILLINOIS has begun a war on the school book dealers, and thinks school directors and superintendents should purchase the books and sell them at a slight advance to the pupil. Evidently his excellency has just been reading that charming work, Utopia, or else has succumbed to a violent attack of paranoia. No newspaper can be a success unless it have a news franchise from a regular press association. The only franchises now to be secured in this city are those owned by THE HERALD, Leader, Democrat and Eagle. The Press having purchased The Leader will succeed to the United Press franchise for the day service, the night service being owned by THE HERALD. It is now practically impossible for a fifth paper to get into the field.

MANY American newspapers assert that Canada is suffering from a stroke of commercial paralysis. It is also represented that trade is depressed and the "times" exceedingly untoward. It will be noticed however that all such papers are strongly for annexation.

REVENUE, the new French minister of finance has resigned because he was implicated in the Panama deal. Monsieur should immigrate to America. Implication in a public steal is no disqualification for holding office in this land of the free.

ZACHARIAH GORHAM of Little Rock is not a handsome man, but he is willful. He was arrested for desertion the other day, and it was discovered that he had a wife in nearly every county in Arkansas, with a few extra in Missouri.

MR. BLAINE is probably the only man on record that can be "as well as ever" just after breakfast, and "a great deal worse" just before dinner. If you don't believe it, read the Washington dispatches for a week or so.

WHILE the straight-faced sabbatarians are expending their energies in efforts to close the world's fair gates on Sunday the elevating influences of the revival of paganism is being extended from the Hell Gate to the Golden Gate.

NEW JERSEY has a colored boy that has lived on sweet oil for sixty-three days. He isn't doing it on an election bed, either.

NINE employees of the Illinois Central railroad have been discharged for shooting craps. Where are our boasted liberties.

## AMUSEMENT NOTES.

This evening the child prodigies, under the management of Roney will be seen and heard in Hartman's hall. The entertainment is said to be one of great excellence and will be given, without doubt, a liberal patronage.

Next Monday evening Sol Smith Russell, the most admired and beloved American comedian, will begin a two nights' engagement in the Powers' Grand. Box office will be opened tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

There will be a hurricane of fun on "Grimes' Cellar Door" in the Grand this afternoon and evening.

Down at Smith's the variety bill is one of interest and genuine amusement.

## STATE PRESS GOSSIP.

That irrepressible free trade congressman, Harter of Ohio, has introduced a bill providing for the reimportation of a tariff on sugar. The far-sighted indication of what the democrats will do when they come into full power. A vote for Cleveland was a vote to tax the breakfast table.—Adrian Times.

Mr. Cleveland's expressed desire to be made as pure as baking powder has again been commended, but people do not tire of hearing a man continually twanging the string of sanctities; they can't help it.—Detroit Tribune.

That was a very crisp reception that the Mugwumpian Reform club of New York tendered to the speaker of the house of representatives.

has acquired too much with David B. Hill to be popular among democracy's four hundred.—Day City Tribune.

Prof. Smith has been found guilty by the Cincinnati presbytery of holding erroneous views of inspiration. Owing to our advanced civilization he will probably escape, with his life.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

The most important work, apparently, of the next board of geological survey for the state will be to find out where the survey "is at."—Detroit Free Press.

Combinations of capital and labor saving machinery ought to result in making life easier and better for everybody. Do they?—Jackson Patriot.

## HIT AND MISS STORIES.

A suburban policeman caught a boy in the act of despoiling a hen-roost the other morning and hauled him before a justice of the peace. The latter official loudly declared he would rather pay for the poultry himself than place the stigma of a fine on the boy, and discharged him. Why he didn't fine the policeman has not been explained.—Chicago Tribune.

Some persons who have congratulated this country on the restrictions to be applied to European immigration will see that they are like the hen that cackled before she had laid the egg. Instead of Europe helping us to avoid undesirable immigrants, our laws to repel them should be made more stringent and should be enforced with greater vigor.—Chicago Herald.

Zinc miners at Webb City, Mo., have noticed lately that a shaft they were digging has been growing hotter. To a depth of 163 feet, the other day they had to stop work, as flames burst through into the shaft. Yet some people believe in Bob Ingersoll's theory.—Norristown Herald.

President-elect Cleveland has cut the tariff Gordian knot. There will be no extra session, but the democratic party will pay the verdict of the late election the speed of appointing a joint committee to prepare a tariff bill ahead of the fifty-third congress.—New York Telegram.

Senator Quay hopes to save the senate to the republicans. It would be just as well to see that all the burglar alarms are in good working order and double the guards.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

If Ohio will inject a little more Australia into her Australian ballot law the democrats will elect the other twenty-three electors next time.—St. Louis Republic.

Eugene Field didn't take the lecture platform to make money or fame, but to escape the Chicago burglars and highwaymen.—Atlanta Constitution.

## POINTS ABOUT MEN.

Martin McCandless of Weiser, Id., is 77 years of age, yet he never saw a railroad until November 15 last. He left the states before railroads had penetrated into the territories, and since then he has been back in the mountains engaged in mining.

Judge Rufus B. Cowing of New York, who was renominated by the republicans and endorsed by Tammany hall before the recent election, received over 270,000 votes. This is the greatest vote ever received by any individual in New York City.

The clergymen who have continuously occupied one pulpit longer than any other divine in the world is the Rev. Mr. Furness of Philadelphia. His age is 90, and for sixty-eight years he has been pastor of one church.

The shah of Persia's ministers disavow all initiative and tremble at any executive responsibility. Imperious, diligent and fairly just, the shah is in his own person the arbiter of Persia's fortunes.

Stuart Robson is not only a good actor, but a clever financier. He knows a good investment when he sees it, and has the faculty of keeping money once made.

Tolstoi, writing in the Russian Gazette, says it would be impossible for him to describe the real situation of the people in the famine districts.

William Waldorf Astor is a frequent visitor at the British museum, London. It is understood that he is gleaming material for a historic novel.

Mr. Louis Galimberti, recently raised to the cardinalate, is said to be the only journalist to whom the red hat has been given.

Hard Hearing Fool, a Sioux, has been sent to the national insane hospital, the first Indian, it is said, ever sent to that institution.

## POINTS ABOUT WOMEN.

Mrs. Lavina Fillmore of Clarence, N. Y., a cousin of Millard Fillmore, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born in Connecticut, but now lives in New York the greater part of her long life. She has never seen the telegraph or telephone in operation and never been on a railroad train or expressed any desire to do so. She is a constant reader of the Boston Herald and re-reads the paper until she knows much of it by heart. She is in such good health that she has reasonable prospect of many years of life.

A private subscription has been opened for Composer Balfe, who is a pauper and is obliged to enter a London refuge, let a fatherless child, his good estate. His sister Victoire died the wife of a Spanish grandee, Duke de Frias. It is a mystery how the son became a pauper and was deserted by his friends.

Since Sir William Gordon Cummings gave up lacrosse he has taken to rearing bulls and was one of the most prominent exhibitors at the recent Birmingham cattle show. Lady Cummings is at present on a visit to her home in this country.

One Majajie, a mysterious chief-tainess whom a traveler in the Transvaal lately met, claims to be the original of Rudyard Kipling's "Sue" an ancient dame, strangely decrepit and with white complexion, bright blue eyes and snowy hair.

The queen of the Belgians has just ordered two or three photographs, the purpose of which is to record her majesty's extensive participation on the piano. She is a very good hand at this sort of work.

## Annual Fruit and Flower Meeting.

The annual meeting of the West Michigan Fruit Growers' society will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Grand River Valley Horticultural society in the court house one week from today and tomorrow. The size and form of fruit packages will be one subject discussed, and the growers will bring along some oddities in that line. A congress of package makers will be held at the same time, and efforts will be made to secure greater uniformity in packages. The Michigan fruit exhibit at the world's fair will be discussed, and papers will be read on the subject of better roads in the fruit districts. Many prominent fruit men are expected and there will be a large exhibit of

## FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

With costumes in empire and restoration style large chapeaux are the rage, but they are not precisely the headgear of the period. There are three shapes, carried out in felt and in velvet, which are most popular. One of these is shown in today's fashion plate. It is a round hat of green velvet. The wide brim is covered with velvet and black tulle embroidered in silver. The crown is velvet, and has a lighter green band arranged on the top, from the center of which arises a large aigrette. The brim at the back is turned up and trimmed with a rose-ette, and it is faced underneath with light green velvet. Another popular type is a moderately sized hat with narrow brim, ornamented at the side



with tall bows of ribbon. In another variety the brim is wide and waved, and the crown is entirely covered with a plume of feathers. The third shape is that with a high conical crown and a large aigrette. This last is a compromise between the styles of the two periods. The bonnet is trimmed with feathers and secured with strings. The shawl-shaped brim is one of our last fads, and is covered with silk, satin or velvet. Narrow brims are tied under the chin, and a bunch of feathers and ribbon bows crowns the back of the brim. Some toques are made of shot velvet, with high feathers in front and bows of velvet at the back. Sometimes a tiny flower is placed inside the brim on the left side. Tam O'Shanter's are also made of shot velvet.

## HATS AT THE THEATERS.

A large hat at a theater is an abomination, and a small one is only a not always pretty head dress. When all is said and done, therefore, wouldn't it be better for all women to give up wearing hats altogether when at places of amusement and appear with uncovered heads, as they do in English theaters?

It is argued by a great number of ladies that they cannot take their hats off owing to the arrangement of their hair, which is fixed in some way that looks well with a hat, but is not becoming when it is off. If this is the case, let them wear a lace scarf, which will protect them from taking cold, yet let enough rest over the most elaborate coiffure with no danger of mussing it, will not appear at all unusual when once it becomes a custom to arrange the hair and not the hat for evening entertainments.

There are many who now either come to the theater with this simple head covering or remove their hats after they get there, holding them in their laps, but this is awkward, and if managers of first-class theaters want this custom to prevail, let them provide cloak rooms such as are found in all London theaters, and there is certain to be a quick adoption of a plan that only needs a leader to make it a success.

## ABOUT MRS. BESANT.

Mrs. Annie Besant, now lecturing in this country, defines her creed thus to an interviewer: "It consists of three affirmations. First, the universe is fundamentally spiritual, and matter is only an expression of spirit. Second, law reigns everywhere, in moral as much as in physical nature. That is, every act and every thought produces its inevitable result, against which no prayer and no vicarious atonement is of the least avail. Third, the doctrine of reincarnation, declaring the persistence of intelligence, which passes from life to life, thus gathering experience as it goes, and ever building up a higher type of man. And what," asked the interviewer, "would be the effect upon the organization of society if the principles of theosophy should be generally accepted and followed?" This was the reply: "Chiefly the disappearance of extreme wealth and extreme poverty, as being both equally antagonistic to brotherhood, and the great development of the social conscience. All ability would be used for the common good instead of for the advantage of the individual."

## TRUE WIVES AND HOME.

It is a shame to any mother who fails to train her daughters to take a serious view of life, instead of a frivolous, selfish view; to remember that their high-collared, winter-wear, would be the single, is to be home-makers. A great writer on this subject has said: "Wherever a true wife comes, this home is always around her. The stars may be over her head; the glow worm in the cold grass at night may be the only fire at her feet. But home is yet wherever she is, and for a noble woman it stretches far around her, better than ceiling with cedar or painted with vermilion, shedding its quiet light far for those who else were homeless."

## SPRAY BOUQUETS.

An English fashion for wedding bouquets is what they call a "spray bouquet." It is of enormous size and is the result of a suspension from the waist at the side, leaving the bride's hands free for the prayer-book, which an English bride invariably carries. The effect of the beautifully grouped flat arrangement of flowers is very charming against the rich white satin or tulle of the bride's dress, and the decorative effect is still further heightened by long loops of white satin ribbon, which mingle with the flowers and maiden's hair fern and hang in a graceful cascade down the entire length of the skirt.

## WIND MUSIC PRODUCES DIMPLES.

An observant American has discovered that performers on wind instruments generally develop dimples in their cheeks, caused probably by the frequent strain on the facial muscles which are brought into play by the act of blowing. The dimple, the flute, the cornet, the trombone and the French horn are said to be excellent factors in producing this little indentation so often vainly courted by artificial means. Perhaps this discovery of cause and effect may lead to its becoming fashionable for girls to play on wind instruments.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Maryette B. Taylor died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs.

G. V. French, No. 125 South Division street. She was 51 years of age. The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church will meet at 2:30 p. m. today and listen to a talk on work among the Indians by Mrs. Cutcheon.

The Woman's Home and Hospital managers wish to formally thank donors for gifts received at Thanksgiving time and up to the present time.

Miss Andrea Hofer of Chicago, one of the editors of the Kindergarten Magazine, is a guest of Mrs. L. W. Treat and Miss Hester Stone.

The women of the Plainfield Avenue M. E. church will hold a bazaar and social in their hall on Plainfield avenue Thursday and Friday.

The Political Equality club held its regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. Pearsall on East Bridge street yesterday afternoon.

## TIMELY HOME HINTS.

Tar or paint may be removed by first applying oil of some kind or lard; then, after scraping off the loosened substances, apply a mixture of turpentine and benzine and at the last use benzine alone.

Newspapers wet thoroughly and crumpled up are excellent to sweep a carpet with, making it look bright and with far less trouble than it is to wipe it with a damp cloth.

Skimmed milk makes hardwood floors stained ones and oilcloth look shiny. A wooden cloth should be used to wipe up the floor with.

Opening a canned fruit an hour or two before using, that it may regain the excluded oxygen, improves the flavor.

Wood ashes, very finely sifted, are good for scouring knives and tinware.

## MR. MEECH'S AFTERTHOUGHT.

Asa W. Meach was asked what would be the effect of the fair election. He replied that the society ought to hold a grand fair next fall with two sets of directors. He thought, however, that the directors elected Tuesday would demand the money in the treasury and the treasurer elected at the election held in September would refuse to give it up, and that it would then go to the courts. He said that if he thought the directors elected Tuesday would go on and hold a fair next fall, the people desire he for one would not oppose them.

## DAVIDSON—RUMSEY.

Lee Ernest Davidson and Miss Pearl F. Rumsey were married at the bride's residence, No. 593 Jefferson avenue, Tuesday evening in the presence of their immediate relatives, the Rev. Charles Fluhner officiating. The home was prettily decorated with flowers, and the young couple were presented with many handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson will be at home after January 1 at No. 245 Turner street.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Henry Cook, aged 63, and a five-times widower, took out a marriage license at Kalamazoo on Tuesday to marry his sixth wife, the bride being Anna Yorkstrom, of the same age. He is the father of nineteen children, twelve of whom are living. He is a well-to-do farmer.

Bay City people swore by the board of the prophet that there was a ghost in the city, who patrolled the streets at 4 o'clock in the morning. They have just discovered that the ghost is a baker, who at that time of day goes to his bakery in a white suit.

After nailing fast the door and inserting in the chimney hole a stick, to which a rope was attached, Lawrence Udburg hanged himself in a Baraga hotel. He was not discovered until ten days after.

Benton Harbor now has a population of 8,000. Two years ago she had only about 4,500 and no factories to speak of, but now she has about seventeen factories, employing several hundred men.

There ought to be a society for the invention of cruelty to animals or a hospital for aged, and infirm horses. There would be a lot of animals in a very short time.—Coloma Boomer.

Ben Anderson of Emmet has a boarder. The other day when Ben came home the boarder was gone, and so were three watches, a suit of clothes and a number of other things.

Peter Bushey of Pinnebog, has plowed up a stone sheep weighing sixty pounds. As a petrification would weigh much more, it is undoubtedly an Indian image.

Those two young ladies who were seen in the woods the other day, armed with rifles, should remember that the deer hunting season is over.—Mio Democrat.

Potatoes seem to be a good crop in northern Michigan. It is estimated that the crop will net the farmers of Wexford county \$100,000.

Amateur dramatic talent at Ionia is about to burst forth in a production of the Rio Grande, in which the death rate is alarmingly high.

"Comrades" will be produced by amateur talent at Grass Lake. It's the only town in the state that would stand the title.

The editor of the Sturgis Mail has placed several subscription accounts in the hands of a justice for collection.

Mrs. Kate W. Nobles of Niles pulled a gun on a footpad and he vanished. Pity she did not shoot him.

George Ellis of Jackson has been sentenced to four years in prison for robbing a man of \$17.

Romeo has twenty candidates for postmaster. The Julietts are yet to be heard from.

St. Joe rejoices in a gasoline stove factory. Heaven is very near some people.

Chicken thieves are having a fine time with Bowling poultry.

Benton Harbor is still searching for an outlet for that sewer.

Hancock's new water works plant has been accepted.

West Bay City is yearning for carpenters.

Benton Harbor's new depot will cost \$12,000.

Marquette has a new fire alarm system.

West Bay City has a night school.

Burial Permits.

John S. Benek, age 8 years, No. 62 Green street, Valley City; Bertha M. Maynard, age 15 years, No. 101 Canal street, Valley City; Nellie M. Patterson, age 6 years, No. 410 North Ionia street, Fair Plains; T. Over, age 9 months, No. 504 East Leonard street, or, west street, Elm Rapids; age 27 years, No. 120 Plainfield avenue, St. Andrews; Catherine M. Anderson, age —, No. 68 Michigan street, Fulton street.

## Contagious Diseases.

George Willard, No. 91 Goodrich street, diphtheria; Baby Sprague, No. 373 Bates street, membranous consumption.

## NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

David Brown of Chicago, general traffic manager for the Chicago & Grand Trunk road, and Edward Wiles of Detroit, general agent for the Commercial Dispatch, were guests at Sweet's yesterday. "The car shortage still continues," said Mr. Brown, "but it is only the western roads that are affected. The eastern lines have all the cars they want—that is the trouble. There are immense shipments of grain by water now, and also heavy European shipments. The grain is taken by boat from Chicago to Buffalo and loaded on cars there. The eastern roads haven't enough elevators at their terminals and so they allow the grain to stand in the cars awaiting foreign shipments. They keep all the cars they have for their own business, and when we western freight men write to them for cars, they gently but firmly request us to go to the devil. The natural consequence is that the western roads have to use what cars they can get hold of for their own local business and it is a difficult matter to get cars for eastern and southern points. The southern roads depend upon foreign cars to a great extent. If Mr. Leavenworth here were to load a G. R. & I. car for Cincinnati, the next he heard of it, it would probably be down at Richmond, Va. Consequently he has to take care of his local business and let the other points go. That's the pith of the whole shortage question."

"If D. W. Watson hadn't been at the head of the democratic congressional campaign in this district there wouldn't have been any need for a recount," said D. C. Wachs, editor of the Grand Haven Express, at the New Livingston yesterday. The amount of election fraud Mr. Wachs does not have for D. W. Watson would start a paradise. "I mean it," he continued. "Any other man would have conciliated the democrats and people's party factions in Ottawa county and Richardson would have been a majority. He was a Jones, D. W. But I suppose he will get George McBride's shoes on the strength of the campaign he made, and Mac's shoes are the most valuable pieces of political property in Ottawa county." Then Mr. Wachs sighed twice and hid himself away.

"It might surprise you to know that there are other, mink, beaver, coon and red fox within a short distance of Grand Rapids," suggested J. K. Wood, an Athens fur dealer, at the Clarendon yesterday. "It is true. They are not scarce either. This beaver overcoat that I have on is made from skins obtained in the western part of the state. Muskrats are very plentiful. I bought 1,200 skins the other day. Mink are more plentiful than they were fifteen years ago. I can get good pelts now for \$1.50 or \$2. I can remember when we used to get a dollar for a mink, and I have paid farmers \$5 to put me on track of a mink, trusting to

luck to get his hide. The open winters are the probable cause of the increase in the number of fur-bearing animals."

"Never saw so much wheat before in my life," said J. H. Whittaker, a Peawanee grain dealer, at the Clarendon yesterday. "It seems as if every barn, granary, elevator, freight car and boat in the country was full of it. Farmers have all their buildings full of it and thousands of bushels buried under straw stacks. You can buy all you want for 65 cents a bushel. This is a good year for mill men, but they will get squeezed enough to make up for it in a year or two. Millers make lots of money when wheat goes as it will do before long, but most persons seem to forget that they always get caught when it takes a big drop."

"I'm on my way to Lansing to a meeting of the state board of canvassers," said Secretary of State R. L. Blacker at the Morton yesterday. "I suspect that we shall meet and adjourn. Ionia county is not ready to report. There may be others; I don't know. I haven't been to Lansing in a long time. We can't canvass the votes until the Iowa vote is received. I'm rather anxious to go over the returns, for I want to know if there really was an election and if we were in it at the time."

J. H. Petrie, the Muskegon lumberman was a guest at the Morton yesterday. "We saw our last log Friday, and have closed our mill," he said. "We haven't any more pine tributary to the Muskegon, and so shall have to move somewhere else. We haven't decided yet, but I think we shall go to Minneapolis."

## Arbitrators Agree.

John Widdicombe and B. S. Barnes, arbitrators as to the furniture prices at the Ionia press, state the following as proper prices on lumber: Elm \$12.50, maple \$13.50, ash \$15.50, oak \$20. Their prices on the furniture products are slightly in advance of the original schedule, but say that the state must lose money for the next two years from the nature of the contract, which requires the furnishing of furniture in oak, maple and ash at the same price as in elm, though the prices were fixed on an elm basis. The contract was made six years ago for eight years.

## Sixty Days for a Dog.

Fountain Lake of Ada was arrested yesterday for killing a dog belonging to Daniel Davis. He was arraigned in Justice Westfall's court and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$10 and costs or in default sixty days in jail. He took the latter. It is claimed he called Mr. Davis' son into his house and hid him in dressing some rabbits. For some reason Lisle became enraged at the dog, which followed the boy, and shot the animal. The boy protested and Lisle threatened to shoot him. Lisle is a mulatto of savage appearance and terrible temper.



ON DECEMBER 15TH, 1814, the famous Hartford Convention began its sessions.